IN THE CLAIMS:

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- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 33, wherein the collecting step and the forwarding step are performed in a request application server.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 33, wherein the searching step, the serializing step, the attaching step, and the redirecting step are performed in a source application server.
- (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 33, wherein the converting step and 4. the binding step are performed in a destination application server.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 33, wherein the collecting step is performed using a Java server page.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 33, wherein the request is a POST request.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 33, wherein the request is sent using hypertext transport protocol.
- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[9]] 33, wherein the identification of the destination is a universal resource locator.

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- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Currently Amended) A data processing system comprising:
 - a bus system;
 - a communications unit connected to the bus system;
- a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to collect information to create a request to bind an object reference from a remote name space on a source application server into a local name space on a destination application server, wherein the request includes an identification of a source, a source name space path, an identification of a destination, and a destination name space path used to bind the object reference and wherein the remote name space uses a different object request brokering architecture than the local name space; forward the request to a source application server using the identification of the source; search for the object reference in the remote name space using the source name space path; responsive to locating the object reference in the remote name space on the source application server, convert serialize the object reference to a serialized interoperable object reference; attach the serialized interoperable object reference to a destination application server using the identification of the destination; convert the serialized interoperable object reference back to the object reference; and bind the object reference into the local name space on the destination application server using the destination name space path.

- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Currently Amended) A data processing system for binding object references from a remote name space on a source application server into a local name space on a destination application server, the data processing system comprising:

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collecting means for collecting information to create a request to bind an object reference, wherein the request includes an identification of a source, a source name space path, an identification of a destination, and a destination name space path used to bind the object reference and wherein the remote name space uses a different object request brokering architecture than the local name space;

forwarding means for forwarding the request to a source application server using the identification of the source;

searching means for searching for the object reference in the remote name space using the source name space path;

responsive to locating the object reference in the remote name space on the source application server, serializing means for serializing the object reference to a serialized interoperable object reference;

attaching means for attaching the serialized interoperable object reference to the request;

redirecting means for redirecting the request to a destination application server using the identification of the destination;

converting means for converting the serialized interoperable object reference back to the object reference; and

binding means for binding the object reference into the local name space on the destination application server using the destination name space path,

- 17. (Original) The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the collecting means and the forwarding means are performed in a request application server.
- (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the 18. searching means, the serializing means, the attaching means, and the redirecting means are performed in a source application server,
- 19. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the converting means and the binding means are performed in a destination application server.

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- 20. (Original) The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the collecting means uses a Java server page.
- 21. (Original) The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the request is a POST request.
- 22. (Original) The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the request is sent using hypertext transport protocol.
- 23. (Canceled)
- 24. (Canceled)
- 25. (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim [[24]] 16, wherein the 26. identification of the destination is a universal resource locator.
- 27. (Canceled)
- 28. (Canceled)
- 29. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a tangible computer readable medium for binding object references from a remote name space on a source application server into a local name space on a destination application server, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for collecting information to create a request to bind an object reference, wherein the request includes an identification of a source, a source name space path, an identification of a destination, and a destination name space path used to bind the object reference and wherein the remote name space uses a different object request brokering architecture than the local name space;

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second instructions for forwarding the request to a source application server <u>using</u> the identification of the source;

third instructions for searching for the object reference in the remote name space using the source name space path;

fourth instructions, responsive to locating the object reference in the remote name space on the source application server, for converting serializing the object reference to a serialized interoperable object reference;

fifth instructions for attaching the serialized interoperable object reference to the request;

sixth instruction for redirecting the request to a destination application server using the identification of the destination;

seventh instructions for converting the serialized interoperable object reference back to the object reference; and

eighth instructions for binding the object reference into the local name space on the destination application server using the destination name space path.

- 30. (Canceled)
- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Canceled)
- 33. (Previously Presented) A method in a data processing system for binding object references from a remote name space on a source application server into a local name space on a destination application server, the method comprising:

collecting information to create a request to bind an object reference, wherein the request includes an identification of a source, a source name space path, an identification of a destination, and a destination name space path used to bind the object reference and wherein the remote name space uses a different object request brokering architecture than the local name space;

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forwarding the request to the source application server using the identification of the source:

searching for the object reference in the remote name space using the source name space path;

responsive to locating the object reference in the remote name space on the source application server, serializing the object reference to a serialized interoperable object reference;

attaching the serialized interoperable object reference to the request;

redirecting the request to the destination application server using the identification of the destination;

converting the serialized interoperable object reference back to the object reference; and

binding the object reference into the local name space on the destination application server using the destination name space path.